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#### Word to Republicans

The hope of the party lies in the expansion of a statioart Republican press. The Repub. Successor. tican who reads or otherwise helps to suppart a Democratic paper to the exclusion of one of his own party newspapers is untrue to the Republican cause.

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Some days ago The Kentucky Journal, numerous theoretical workingmen who fortune write learnedly of

COST OF STEEL RAILS.

matters they know not of, asserted, with a positiveness brass foundry, that

"the labor cost of production of a ton Burges McLuckie, who is now under Well, Mr. McLuckie is a Burgess, or a by the Carnegie company. Magistrate, at Homestead, and as it seems he doesn't know any more about the cost of steel manufacture than he Cincinnati Southern at Tatesville, does about the laws of the common-

facture, and give the value of product, and the percentage of labor cost to the total value. Of course, due allowance must be made for difference in prices then and now, but the percentage of cost for labor remains practically the same.

States thirty-six steel plants, with a when put to a test with such large inter capital of \$20,975,999, that made a product worth \$55,805,210, using material system has been in use in Australia fer valued at \$36,826,928, and paid labor on the working of the system which is of for converting the materials into steel easy access to the general public is an \$4,930,339, or less than nine per cent. of extended article in the February Century the value of the product. The average of this year. Look it up and digest it. for before you know it the adoption of value of the product was \$56 65 per the new system will be the question of ton and the labor received about \$5 per the hour. ton for converting materials into product, a very small part of the value of labor entering into the production of that ton of steel.

What, according to the census returns, notice. constitutes the materials valued at \$36,-826,928 entering into this steel product and how much was paid to labor in their

	Value of	Per cent.	
	\$22,320,088	70	\$15,764,768
Spiegeleison	2,868,519	70	2,007,963
Iron ore	59,997		47,998
Coal	1,416,483		1,133,186
Coke	471,618		353,712
Other material.	9,490,213	- 60	5,682,128
Total			\$24,989,755 4,930,330

This does not yet fully represent the sum paid to labor in the production of the steel. Of the \$14,047,933 of the value of the product not included in materials and labor, at least fifteen per cent. went to "repairs," of which labor received more than half. Other portions of it went to taxes, insurance, expense, &c., incident to all production, and the labor identified with these interests received a part, so that it may be safely said that in the steel industry labor, instead of getting nine or ten per cent., gets from first to last nearly seventy m first to last nearly seventy er cent. of the value of the product.

THE Postoffice Department has been a model for the conduct of public business under this administration. Nothing in the way of suggestion from any service in the world has been neglected. The Postoffice service is fully abreast of the requirements of the age, and is being improved every month.

F. P. OLCOTT of New York, a leading Democrat and President of the Central Trust Company, has openly bolted the nomination of CLEVELAND. He says CLEVELAND is a Mugwump Republican, and if he has to vote for a Republican he prefers to vote for the simon pure article, which is HARRISON.

THE total production of pig iron in the United States in the first half of 1892 was 4,799,056 gross tons, against 4,911,763 tons in the second half of 1891, a decrease of 112,707 tons. Adding the production of the two half years we have the extraordinary production of Allen Pinkerton, and during the last 20 years it 4,911,763 tons in the second half of 1891, 9,710,819 gross tons in twelve months, which is 508,116 tons in excess of the production of 9,202,703 tons in 1890. able and made known on application at Blame the McKinley bill for this, if you please.

> SENATOR WALL of this county has introduced a bill in the Kentucky Senate in the interests of the Democratic party. It seeks to take seven Republican counties out of the First Appellate Court District and place them in the Second District. It is claimed that this will make the District safely Democratic, and secure the election of a Democrat in the coming contest. It appears that in Kentucky at least the minority has no rights that the majority feels called upon to respect. It is admitted upon all sides that Chief Justice Holt is one of the ablest and purest men that ever sat upon the Supreme Court bench of Kentucky, and this is the Democratic plan to prevent him from being his own

#### Political Points.

Costly Foolishness.

New York Herald .- Of all strikes the sympathetic strike" is the sillest and most indefensible. It is much as if a man should feel obliged to cut off a hand in order to show his sympathy with a neighwhose editor evidently is one of the bor who had met with the same mis-

Two Ways of Stating It.

New York Herald .- It is costing Pennsylvania some \$10,000 or \$15,000 a day to that was born of a keep peace at Homestead for Mr. Carne-

> New York Advertiser .- It is costing the sylvanians from interfering with the

A FREIGHT train was wrecked on the

A FALL RIVER baker was recently wealth which he had sworn to obey, given an order to make a pie weighing given an order to make a pie weighing 2,000 pounds. The contents were 600 pounds of beef, 400 pounds of mutton, 500 of fowl and 300 of potatoes. It took last census, we take those of 1880 as show- one barrel of flour to make the crust. ing what enters into steel rail manu- The measurements were eight feet long, five feet wide and two feet deep, and it was sufficient to serve 2,000 people

> The proposal to adopt the Torrens system of land titles in Ohio has struck a ble auspices. People are talking about

it. They are asking questions; wonder In 1880 there were in the United ing if so simple a plan would be reliable

> Kentucky Fairs and Trots. The following list has been carefully arranged fo THE LEDGER. Any omis-

sions will be cheerfully supplied upon BLUEGRASS CIRCUIT. Harrodsburg, July 26th-six days. Danville, August 2d-five days. Sharpsburg, August 9th-five days. Nicholasville, August 16th-five days, Maysville, August 23d-five days. Lexington, August 30th-five days. Paris, September 6th-five days. Winchester, September 13th-five days. Cynthiana, September 21st-four days.

Mt. Sterling, September 27th-three days

OTHER FAIRS. Versailles, August 2d-five days. Columbia, August 9th-four days. Springfield, August 9th—four days. Lawrenceburg, August 9th—three days. Campbellsville, August 16th-four days. Uniontown, August 16th—five days. Lebanon, August 2ld-four days. Henderson, August 23d-five days. London, August 24th-three days. Alexandria, August 30th-five days. Franklin, August 30th-five days. Bowling Green, September 6th. Bardstown, September 6th-five days. Mayslick, (col.,) September 7th-four days. Elizabethtown, September 13th-four days. Horse Cave, September 20th-four days. Germantown, September 28th-four days. Hartford, September 28th—four days. Owenton, October 4th—five days.

All the above meetings have trotting contests, those at Maysville being especially attractive.

THEIR SIDE.

Pinkerton Bros. Before the Investigation Committee

To Explain Their Connection With the Trouble at Homestead.

The Men Employed by Them Are Selected With Great Care—They Are Thoroughly Trusted for Prudence, Sobriety, Etc., Etc., Say the Pinkertons.

WASHINGTON, July 23 .- The two famous Pinkerton brothers, W. A., the elder, and Robert the younger, appeared Friday morning before the house investigating committee to explain their connection with the Homestead riot.

The two Pinkertons are heavy-set, low-browed, swarthy, muscular men, a little above ordinary height and weighing about two hundred pounds

Robert Pinkerton was the first witness called. His brother, William, Mr. Guthrie, of New York, with his attorney and Messrs. Hayes, Wright and Devlin, of the K. of L., were also in attendance.

The following is the statement sub-

mitted by the Pinkertons:

has frequently furnished private watchmen to protect the property of individuals and corporations during strikes. The men employed by us in this strike work are selected with great care, and only after a full investigation of their characteristics. acters and antecedents. Not a single instance can be cited where we have knowingly employed unreliable or untrustworthy men or where any of our watchmen have been convicted of a crime. Moreover, we have seldom permitted our watchmen to carry arms for the purpose of protecting property and life unless they were authorized by the proper legal authorities or sworn as deputy sheriffs.
"When first requested to send watchmen to

protect the Homestead plant, we refused to do so unless all our men should be sworn in as deputy sheriffs. We were then assured that the sheriff of Alleghany county, Pa., knew that our men were going to Homestead to act as watchmen and to guard the property of the company and to protect its workmen from violence. We were further assured that the sherid had promised immediate-ly upon any outbreak or disturbance. to deputize all our watchmen as sher-iff's deputies. On that condition only did we consent to f-rnish about 300 watchmen. A large number of the men were our regular employes, who could be thoroughly trusted for in-tegrity, prudence and sobriety. The remainder were men whom we employed from time to time, or who were known and recommended to us. They fiel not go into the state of Pennsylvania as an armed body or force, and we should not have per-mitted or assented to this. There was no intention or purpose whatever of arming them until they were on the property of the company at Homestead. The sheriff's chief deputy, Gray, accompanied our men, was on the tug towing the barges, and it was distinctly understood that he had authority to duly deputize them in case of necessity. The boxes on board the barge were not opened and the arms and ammunition were not distributed until after the strikers had commenced firing on the watchmen, and it became evident that it was a matter of self-defense for life or death.

"Klein had been murdered by the strikers, and about five other watchmen shot and wounded before our men began their fire in selfdefense. Even then it was impossible to at-tempt to shoot those firing at the barges, because the strikers made a breastwork for them-selves by placing women and children in front and firing from behind them. Not a single woman or child was injured by our men.

"After the surrender, all our men, including the wounded and helpless, were brutally beaten and robbed by the strikers, and the keg of powder and exploded it. Charles leaders made no real, honest effort to protect was fatally injured and Edward was of steel rails is \$1 52." Called upon by state of Pennsylvania from \$10,000 to them Our men were robbed of watches. THE LEDGER for its authority, it cites \$15,000 a day to keep a mob of Penn- money, and in fact everything, and then un-

mercifully beaten. The accident happened dred feet under ground. \$10,000 bond for murder at Homestead. peaceful manipulation of the mill owned clubbed by another striker with the butt-end of

> "He died, and subsequently another watchman became insane and committed suicide as & result of the fearful beating after he had surrendered. All of our men were more or less in-"The acts of the strikers after our men had

surrendered would be a disgrace to savages. Yet, because done in the name of organized American labor, sympathy, if not encourage-ment, is shown for such deeds by part of the press and by political demagogues. New Orleans Sunday-Closing Movement.

NEW ORLEANS, July 23.-An organ- prison. ized effort is to be made to enforce the Sunday closing law, which has been inoperative because of the strong opposition of saloon-keepers. The Sunday Rest league and the American federation of labor, which now has a strong hold on the workingmen of the city. will work together to enforce the law, next Sunday.

Local Option Bill Laid Over. Washington, July 23.—The anti-option bill was debated for three hours in the senate Thursday, after which time it went over till Friday, without action. The speeches were in opposition to that measure. They were made by Mr. Daniel in continuation and conclusion of the argument which he had begun Thursday, and by Mr. White, who had not concluded when the time came for laying aside the bill.

St. Louis Iron and Steel Workers. St. Louis, July 23.-The 3,000 members of the Amalgamated association of iron and steel workers employed in the mills in and around St. Louis, who have been on a strike since July 1 on account in Homestead and lodged them in jail of the failure or refusal of the mill own-ers to sign the scale, will in all proba-lease on bail will be made to-day. bility return to work in a few days,

Relief for St. Johns. LONDON, July 23. - Archbishop Vaughn has issued a letter to the Catholic clergy in his jurisdiction asking them, in view of the fact that probably ninety percent. of the St. Johns sufferers are Catholics, to open collections in their churches for the purpose of helping to bars. relieve the distressed.

An Annual Pestival.

HUNTINGTON, Tenn., July 23.- Four thousand country people held a confederate reunion at Hico, near here. Gen. Bell, of California, was the chief ranted in the startling increase in the speaker. This is an annual festival Chinese population in Montreal, Togiven by the friends of the "lost cause" ronto and other eastern Canadian cities.

A big basket dinner was served.

Moonshiner Captured.

Gone to Their Rellef. New York, July 28.—The steamship Miranda, loaded with a cargo of contributions for the sufferers from the St. John's (N. B.) fire, sailed for the dis-tressed port early Friday morning.

RIVER PIRATES. Their Bost-Load of Booty Secured-Two

of the Thieves Escape. East Liverpool, O., July 23.—Officers from Freedom, Pa., assisted by the po-lice of this city, made a capture that will probably result in breaking up a dangerous gang of river pirates. Information was received Friday morning that a residence at Freedom had been entered by thieves on Wednesday night and a large amount of plunder secure, including money, silverware clothing, etc., and that it was supposed that the dep redators had escaped in a shanty-boat Such a boat arrived here last night and tied up to the West Virginia shore, opposite the city. Officers from Freedom arrived this morning by train, and a raid was planned on the craft, which resulted in the capture of two of the crew two others having escaped after a lively chase and fusilade of fire-arms. The boat was brought to this city, and in vestigation developed that it was loaded with a vast amount of plunder of all kinds, consisting of silverware, men's and women's fine clothing, dry goods of every variety, and an endless quantity of fine furniture, and a large amount of miscellaneous goods that bore evidence of having been accumulated through an extended career of systematic robbing. The boat and contents are being held for identification of the goods, but it is not likely that the owner will ever be found for more than a small portion of it.

Against the Pinkertons. WASHINGTON, July 33 .- The relations

of capital and labor were brought to the attention of the senate Friday, and two speeches were made. The first of them was made by Mr. Peffer, and was based on a resolution previously offered by him instructing the judiciary committee to inquire into that subject, and as to what legislation was necessary to protect the right of the employes to fair rates of wages. The other speech was made by Mr. Call, and was directed chiefly against the Pinkerton detective force as an unauthorized armed organization. Mr. Peffer's resolution was referred to the committee on education and labor.

Two Thousand Killed.

THE HAGUE, July 23.—Official telegrams received here Friday from Batavia confirm the recent accounts of the awful destruction caused on Great Sangir island, belonging to Holland, by a volcanic cruption on June 17. These later advices are to the effect that the whole northwestern portion of the island was destroyed, and that two thousand of the inhabitants were killed. There were no Europeans among the

Woman Scalded to Death. HICKSYILLE, O., July 23.-While Dr. C. E. Stewart and family were eating breakfast Mrs. Stewart accidentally upset the coffee-pot into her bosom. scalding herself to her feet. All the medical aid in the city was called, but of no avail, and she died two hours later. Mrs. Stewart was well known all over the northern part of Ohio, and she was an ardent worker in the W. C.

Torn by a Powder Explosion. CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 23,-Edward and Charles Bailey, two coal miners at Raymond City mines, were engaged in making cartridges to shoot down coal when a spark from the lamp on the hat of Edward Bailey fell into a was fatally injured and Edward was torn frightfully. Neither can live.

The accident happened several hun-Ex-Treasurer Noland's New Suit. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 23.—Ex-State Treasurer Ed T. Noland was taken to the penitentiary Friday. He declines to talk further about his case, except to say his mind is made up to take his punishment like a man. He has made a brave fight and much regret is expressed by his numerous friends that he is to don convict garb. He will be assigned to clerical work in the

Cholera in Posen.

BERLIN, July 23 .- The German officials on the Russian frontier are taking sion of cholera. A corps of sanitary police has been established and hospitals have been supplied with instruments used in searching for the cholera bacciland it is believed the rum sellers will lus. A Bromburg paper reports that a not dare oppose this strong combina- workman has been stricken with choltion. The active campaign will begin era at Jablonova, near Bromburg, in the province of Posen.

Another Gold Cure Victim. FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 23.-Theodore Pyle, aged 83, who has been taking treatment at the Buffington institute for the cure of drunkenness, located in this city, became delirious Friday and escaped from his keepers. Friday afternoon he was overcome by the intense heat, and dropped dead. A wife and four children survive htm.

More Strikers Under Arrest PITTSBUBGH, Pa., July 23.—Informa-tions were made Friday for murder against Peter Allen and Matthew Fay, both Homestead strikers. Warrants were issued and placed in the hands of Constable Morris, who arrested the men

Migned the Scale SALEM, O., July 28.—The Cherry Valley Iron works, of Leetonia, Friday signed the new western scale fixed by the Amalgamated association. Five hundred men who have been out two weeks will return to work Monday. The principal product is muck and meschant

Chinemen Going East.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 23.—The alarm that has been caused by the very large emigration of Chinese eastward from the Pacific coast appears to be war-

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 23.-James Hunsinger, a desperate moonshiner, was captured in the wilds of Sullivan county last night, with all his stills and worms, and four hundred gallons of illicitly distilled whisky.

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